

Committee: Executive

Date: Tuesday 3 April 2018

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman) Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Colin Clarke Councillor John Donaldson Councillor Tony llott Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes

Councillor Kieron Mallon Councillor Richard Mould Councillor D M Pickford Councillor Lynn Pratt

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest that they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

4. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. Participation in the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (Pages 7 - 14)

Report of Interim Director: Wellbeing

Purpose of report

To consider Cherwell District Council's progress regarding the resettlement of six refugee families into the district as part of the Government's Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (VPRS). This report also intends to inform future decision making regarding the resettlement of refugee families in Cherwell District, wider engagement in the asylum seeker dispersal programme and preparation of a bid for Controlling Migration Fund monies.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the contents of the report.
- 1.2 To note the findings of the evaluation report of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (VPRS) in Cherwell.
- 1.3 To consider resettlement of additional Syrian Refugee families within Cherwell district.
- 1.4 To support the establishment of a dedicated post to deal with Syrian Refugee work in Cherwell (funded by VPRS funding).
- 1.5 To support officers to develop a bid to the Controlling Migration Fund in relation to Cherwell district.
- 1.6 To consider participation in the Asylum Seeker Dispersal Programme in Cherwell district, and advise officers accordingly.

7. Notification of Urgent Action: Amendment to the Local Discretionary Rate Relief Policy for 2017-2018 (Pages 15 - 20)

Report of Chief Executive

Purpose of report

To note the urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive to revise the Local Discretionary Rate Relief Policy for 2017-2018 in order to.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive to revise the Policy and to maximise the funding to support local businesses.

8. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

9. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following reports contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following items have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider it in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

No representations have been received from the public requesting that the items be considered in public.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

"That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the ground that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

10. Community Infrastructure Grants (Pages 21 - 54)

Exempt report of Assistant Director: Communities

11. Crown House Update

** Please note this report will follow as it is being reviewed and finalised **

Exempt report of Chief Executive

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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Yvonne Rees Chief Executive

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